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The Chatham wind powered grist mill has been under restoration since September 2010. We expect the windmill will be operational in September of 2011. The Grand Opening will be scheduled for the late spring of 2012 as a part of the Chatham tercentennial celebration

Throughout the summer of 2011 there will guided tours opportunities to see the restoration

Andy Shrake is the doing the restoration. Andy has a history with our windmill in that he was the lead in the restoration years ago.

Some little know facts in American history related to the building of the wind powered grist mill by Colonel Benjamin Godfey in 1797. That same year in another part of the new country John Adams was sworn in as the second President of the United States and on September 20th of 1797 The U.S. Constution (Old Ironsides) was launched in Boston

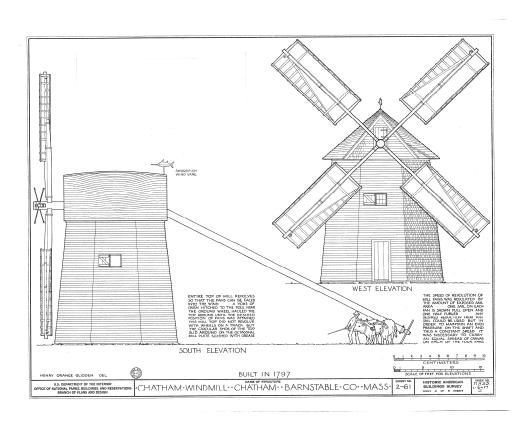
The mill in one of the few remaining commercial historic buildings in Chatham It is a treasure worth restoring and will act as a tourist attraction and educational tool for all. The above picture was take by renowned photographer Ansell Adams.

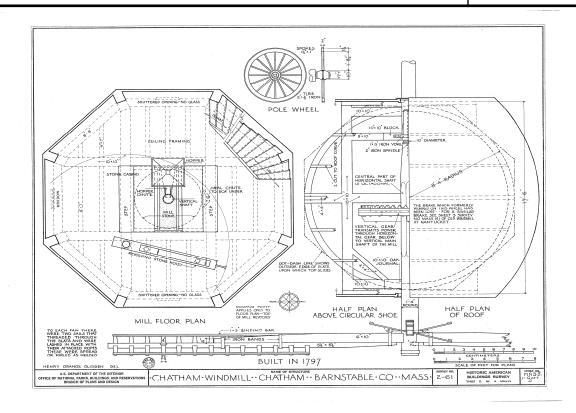
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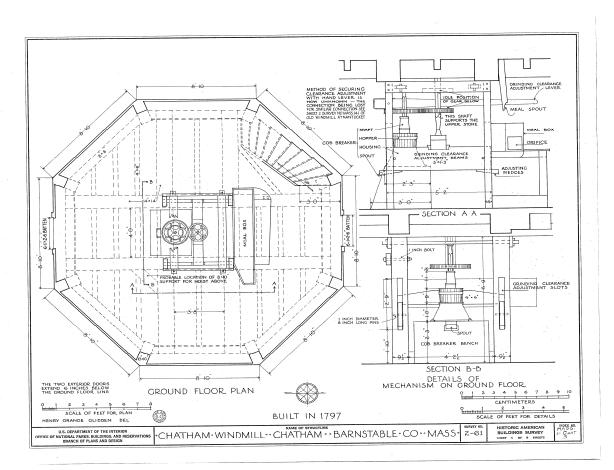
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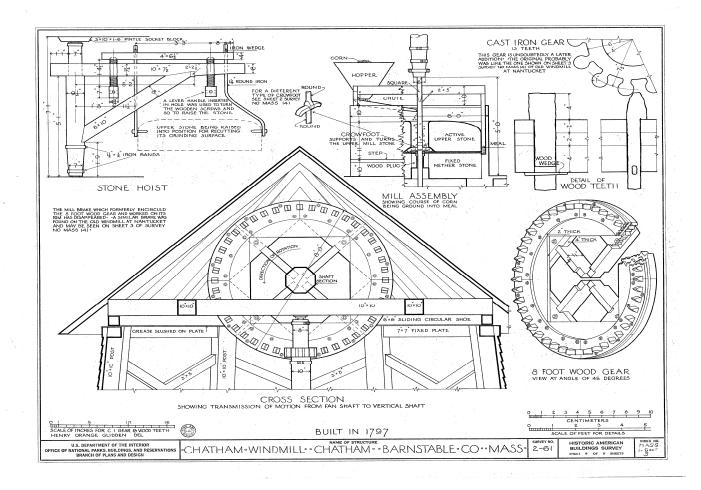
The following measured drawings were obtained from The Library of Congress. They represent the survey of the Chatham windmill conducted by The United States Department of The Interior from July 5th 1934 to January 30th 1935. These drawings and photographs take by a number of amateurs and Ansell Adams serve as our source of information for the current restoration of the mill.

As a part of the restoration and in preparation for the tercentennial the Chatham Windmill Group is looking for docents and other interested parties who want to be a part of this effort. Please contact the Chatham Parks and Recreation Department as we will have opportunities throughout the summer of 2011 for people to witness the restoration and learn about the future of the Chatham windmill.









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